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Ken Grehm
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Placer County
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February 18, 2011

Subject: Meeting regarding Newcastle Ramp Intersection

Dear Ken:

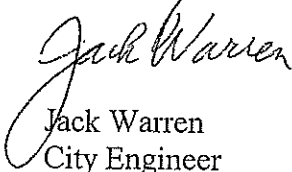
We would like to thank you and Andrew Gaber for taking the time to meet with us on January 27, 2011 to initiate discussions regarding improvements to the Interstate 80/Newcastle Ramp intersection identified in the Baltimore Ravine Specific Plan and Study Area project EIR. As we discussed at the meeting, the EIR includes mitigation calling for the collection of fees for a signal or similar improvement (e.g., roundabout) at the Interstate 80/Newcastle ramp intersection. The EIR recognizes that any improvement at this intersection would require an enforceable, reciprocal agreement between the City and County and approval of Caltrans. At our meeting, County staff indicated that this approach was satisfactory to the County.


Our meeting was the first step toward implementing this mitigation. In order to fully do so, several steps would need to be undertaken in association with the reciprocal agreement, including agreement on the appropriate area of benefit, fee mechanism and improvements. In addition, adopted County plans do not currently identify improvements to the Interstate 80/Newcastle Ramp intersection. As such, the Auburn-Bowman Community Plan would need to be amended to include this improvement, and the improvements would need to be added to the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Also, Caltrans plans to replace the overpass in the future, which could result in the removal and/or reconfiguration of the ramp intersection. Although Caltrans has no time frame, any improvements would need to be coordinated with Caltrans plans, and would require, at a minimum, an encroachment permit from Caltrans.

The Auburn City Council is expected to take action on the BRSP and Study Area project in the near future. If and when the project is approved, we will contact you regarding subsequent discussions of the mitigation measure for the Interstate 80/Newcastle ramp intersection.

We look forward to working with you on this and other issues in the future.

Sincerely,


Jack Warren
City Engineer


Reg Murray
Senior Planner